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SUBJECT: MEDIA SCORE LIBYAN RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, TUNISIA, SOMALIA

1. STRAINED RELATIONS WITH LIBYA DID NOT MAKE TOP OF FRONT PAGES JUNE 1 BUT LIBYANS NEVERTHELESS RECEIVED COPIOUS DOSE OF HOSTILE INK. CHIEF OF SEVERAL NEWS ITEMS WAS SCORNFULLY PRESENTED AKHBAR REPORT OF QADHAFI'S CLAIM THAT SEVEN EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TRIPOLI FOR PLANNING TO BLOW UP ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE MEETING USING AMERICAN-MADE TIME BOMBS. REPORT NOTED THAT NEITHER NAMES NOR DETAILS OF ARRESTEES WERE FURNISHED BY LIBYANS, AND AKHBAR COMMENTED THAT QADHAFI HAS BECOME LAUGHING STOCK OF WORLD AT LARGE AND OBJECT OF DISGUST
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IN LIBYA.

2. ANOTHER REPORT CLAIMED THAT LIBYAN/SOMALI RELATIONS HAVE "WORSENED GREATLY" FOLLOWING QADHAFI'S REFUSAL RECEIVE LEADER OF SOMALI DELEGATION TO ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, DESPITE FACT HE WAS BEARING WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SIAD. ROOT OF PROBLEM SAID TO BE

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QADHAFI-CASTRO AGREEMENT WHEREBY LIBYA WOULD "CONTINUE TO PAY EXPENSES" OF CUBAN FORCES IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA. UNSOURCED REPORT FURTHER CLAIMED THAT 400-500 CUBAN EXPERTS PRESENTLY STATIONED IN LIBYA.

3. PROBLEMS BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA MEANWHILE FIGURED IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MAR'I AND BASHIR RABTI, (IWUBHAN) SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT OF CONFEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS (MORIBUND LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN "UNION"). FURTHER DISCUSSIONS EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK. TUNISIAN/LIBYAN HOSITIES ALSO REPORTED IN GUM-HURIYYA, WHIHCH LEFT NO DOUBT IT ENDORSED TUNISIAN CONTEN-TION THAT "LIBYA IS MOST DETERMINED TO AGRESS AGAINST RIGHTS OF TUNISIAN PEOPLE" IN DISPUTE OVER OIL EXPLORATION. MEANWHILE, AKHBAR REPORTS THAT ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD IS INVESTIGATING TUNISIAN/LIBYAN TENSIONS OVER OIL ISSUE BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BOTH SIDES. ACCORDING TO PRESS, RIAD SAID LIBYA HAS ACCEPTED ARBITRATIONS OF DISPUTE.

4. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, AHRAM CONDEMEND LIBYAN SPONSOR-SHIP OF "MERCENARY GROUPS" AND AID TO ETHIOPIAN "FASCIST REGIME" WHICH ATTEMPTING TO CRUSH ERITEREAN REBELLION. AHRAM ASKS RHETORICALLY WHOSE INTEREST LIBYAN POLICY SERVES (IE., SOVIETS). LIBYAN MADMAN, AS USUAL, ENTER-TAINING ILLUSIONS OF GRANDEUR, BUT AHRAM REMINDS QADHAFI THAT LIBYAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE LAST WORD, ALTHOUGH NO HINT THAT EGYPT SHOULD BE PORTE-PAROLE.
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